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**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2005 4:24 PM  
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fyi...My letter to the City.

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*Mr. John Bay*  
**City of San Jose**  
**Planning, Building & Code Enforcement**  
**Planning Services Division**  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113-1905

**Re:** Proposal for a Full Service Grocery Operation at the Evergreen College Site

Dear Sir:

I am *opposed* to the idea of allowing a full service grocery store to be developed on the vacant land at the Evergreen Community College site (near the corner of the Yerba Buena and San Felipe).

My reasoning for this position is as follows:

- Both the existing markets (Lunardi's and Cosentino's) appear to be struggling and underutilized. My understanding is that Cosentino's is even looking to sell their operation in the Evergreen area due to the level of sales.
- A full sized Safeway and Albertsons already exist in the area.
- There is a lack of other retail amenities that would be better suited on the Evergreen College site – such as dining establishments (like Marie Calendars, Outback, etc.), video store, hardware store, etc.

If the large anchor tenants (Lunardi's and Cosentino's) at Evergreen Market Place and Canyon Creek Plaza were to fail, the balance of the tenants would surely suffer tremendously.

Furthermore, it is my understanding that Evergreen Community College agreed not to ever place a grocery store operation on the subject site when the college went to the City to plan the current retail development.

I ask that you do not allow a full service grocery store to be placed on the community college site. I do not believe it to be good planning for the Evergreen area and I cannot endorse it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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